

# How to Worship

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 95.
- B. There are two appeals made to worship in the psalm—one by singing and one by prayer.
- C. Congregational worship largely consists of singing and prayer.

## II. Singing is something that can be done communally.

- A. We are to sing to the Rock of our Salvation because He is our strength.
- B. We are related to God as Creator.
  - 1. We are to glorify God appropriately as Creator. (Romans 1)
  - 2. Men can be blind to the fact that they are not independent creatures.
  - 3. Men act like animals when they do not give thanks to God—worship is something we ought to do. (Psalm 96:8)
- C. All spiritual entities and self-projected idols are under God.
- D. God is behind all forces that sustain us but is also behind all the excitement of life as well.
- E. We are related to God as Redeemer. The proper response to this is one of awe.

## III. What makes worship true worship.

- A. We must heed God's voice.
- B. We must not harden our hearts.
  - 1. This is the opposite of letting God have an impact on us.
  - 2. God wants that our faith would grow.
  - 3. God is grieved when people's hearts are set on the wrong things.
  - 4. We need power from God for endurance, patience and joy.
- C. We must acknowledge that God's ways are not our ways.
- D. We must learn to rest in God.
  - 1. This is ceasing from our own labors and depending upon God.

2. This is another way of saying living out of adequacy and having a peace of mind.
3. Rest will come as we hearken to God's Word.

**Application questions:**

1. How does God's creation draw us to worship?

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2. What is the proper response to God's redemption in our lives? How do we fail to respond like this daily?

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3. What does it mean to rest in God? How have you found this rest?

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